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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Richard B. Streeter et al.
Serial No.: 10/090,968
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR REDUCING
MITRAL REGURGITATION
Examiner: Brian E. Pellegrino
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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed August 1, 2007 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from November 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008.

Applicants note that inasmuch as Tuesday, January 1, 2008 falls on a national holiday, the response is actually due on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

A check in the amount of \$230.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.
A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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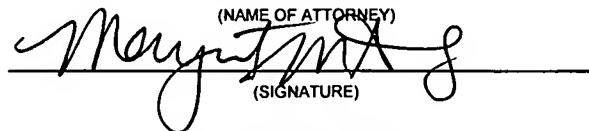
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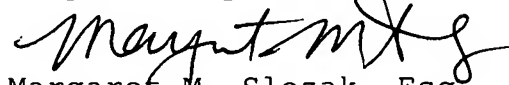


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